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"Hey, I'm moving on up! Seriously, I'm proud to be gaining ground on behalf of the people I represent in Ohio's River Valley. The score is a reflection of my seat on the Financial Services Committee, the more than \$6 million dollars I was able to bring home to the District and the bills I've introduced into Congress."

The legislation introduced by Congressman Wilson is listed below:

H.R. 1723, the FHA Fair Appraisals Act

This bill cracks down on inflated home appraisals. It was rolled into the FHA reauthorization bill and passed the House in September. It awaits action in the Senate and could be taken up soon.

H.R. 3647, to delay for 6 months the requirement to use tamper-resistant prescription pads under the Medicaid Program.

If the tamper-resistant paper requirement had been enforced on October 1, 2007, Medicaid patients and local pharmacies would have faced serious harm. This legislation delayed that tamper-proof requirement and ensured that patients, pharmacists and doctors had enough time to prepare. This passed both the House and Senate in September and was signed into law.

Most recently Rep. Wilson introduced H.R. 5510, Social Security Fairness for the Terminally Ill Act of 2008. The legislation would eliminate the required five-month waiting period in the Social Security Disability (SSD) program for terminally ill patients. The bill is the companion to

legislation introduced last fall by Senator Sherrod Brown in the U.S. Senate.

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